*Printing and selling of books written by subordinates of the Education Department.*

17. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnaînad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is an order to the effect that, in respect of text-books written by the subordinates of the Education Department, and either approved or prescribed for use in schools, the author should not retain the copyright and that he should not print or sell such books ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham:** Yes. The member is referred to Rule 21 of the Text-Book Committee Rules.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction is aware that the Manager of his office, Mr. Sivaswami Aiyar, still holds copyright of one of the text-books prescribed for this year ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham:** I am not aware.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Director be pleased to make an enquiry ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham:** I do not think that the Manager does hold a copyright, but I will gladly make an enquiry.

*Observance of the G. O. cancelling New Moon holidays for the 'Education' Department.*

18. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether, after their order cancelling New Moon holidays for the Education Department, one New Moon day this year was a holiday for the Director's Office ; and if so, why it was a holiday for that office alone ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham:** Yes, Friday the 1st of Medam 1109, which happened to be a New Moon day, was allowed to be a holiday for the Office of the Director of Public Instruction on account of Vishu, and that was done at the request of a major portion of the Office staff. The 2nd Medam 1109, which was a public holiday for Vishu, was made a working day for the Office instead.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Does the Director of Public Instruction know that the Hindus have to perform Sradha on New Moon days ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham:** Yes, he does.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** May I know whether New Moon days are holidays for the colleges ?

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**Mr. R. M. Statham :** That may be. Colleges are governed by quite a different set of rules.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** May I know from the member whether *Vavoo Orikkal* and *Vavoo* days were treated as holidays by all the Colleges ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** Yes, they were.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** May I know from the member, under what authority the Director gave leave on the New Moon day, that holiday having been cancelled by Government ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** Under the authority of the powers of the Director of Public Instruction.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know from the member whether the question that New Moon days were days necessary for the Hindus to perform religious ceremony was considered when the holiday for New Moon was cancelled ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** Yes, certainly.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** May I know who considered the question ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** The Director of Public Instruction and the Government.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** May I know whether the Government cancelled that holiday on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction or on their own accord?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** On the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction consulted anybody or considered the question that that holiday, if cancelled, will give great hardship to Hindus ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** The Director of Public Instruction and the Government are of opinion that it could not create hardship to Hindus.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** My question is whether he consulted anybody or considered that question when he made that recommendation.

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** The Director of Public Instruction acted on his experience in other parts of India and other States in India.

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**Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran** (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether he is aware of the fact that New Moon holidays are the only holidays in a month for the Hindus?

**Mr. R. M. Statham**: No. There are other holidays.

**Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran**: May I know what are the other holidays for the Hindus?

**Mr. R. M. Statham**: They vary from month to month.

**Mr. K.P. Nilakanta Pillai** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the calculation made for holidays for the Education Department published in the Government Gazette, dated the 27th February 1934, is correct?

**Mr. R. M. Statham**: Yes, it is correct.

**Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai**: May I know from the member how 52 Sundays were fixed when Onam, Christmas and Midsummer holidays which number 13, 23 and 47 respectively, as published in the Gazette, include Sundays also?

**Mr. R. M. Statham**: The member is incorrect. Allowance has been made both for holidays, Sundays and New Moon days in giving the number of days for vacation and other holidays.

**Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai**: May I know as matters stand now, whether Headmasters of departmental schools and Managers of private schools are free to give holidays for which holidays are not recognised by the order of the Director of Public Instruction and to hold school days on some other days?

**Mr. R. M. Statham**: That is rather a general question. With regard to New Moon days the position is this. Teachers may be permitted to come an hour late if they so desire, and if they are not satisfied with that, they may take casual leave for that day. If on account of that, a large number of teachers take leave, that day will be a holiday and the school will work on the following Saturday. No hardship is involved in that arrangement.

**Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai**: May I know whether any sort of uniformity with reference to this is enforced in departmental and private schools if the discretion is vested in the Headmasters or the Managers?

**Mr. R. M. Statham**: No discretion is vested. The orders of the Director of Public Instruction apply to all schools.

**Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** (*Jenmies*): I may inform the member that formerly Sunday was a working day. May I know from the member whether he has any objection in making Sunday a working day?

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**Mr. R. M. Statham :** I was not aware that Sunday was a working day formerly. Personally I have no objection to make it a working day.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** May I know from the member ... ... ... ...

**President :** You have already exhausted your chance. Unless it is a very important question, I cannot allow.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** With regard to New Moon the Director said that teachers were allowed to take casual leave or late leave for one hour. What about students who have to perform the religious function ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** They take leave in the ordinary way.

*Rebuilding the Government English Middle School at Perumbavoor.*

19. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned by them for improving and rebuilding the Government English Middle School at Perumbavoor ; and, if so, when the amount was sanctioned and why the work was not undertaken ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** The answer is in the negative. The latter part of the question does not therefore arise.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** May I know from the member whether he has inspected the present school building at Perumbavoor ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** No.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** May I know whether he has not inspected the English High School at Perumbavoour ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** I have visited Perumbavoor in my capacity as the Chairman of the Education Reforms Committee, but not as the Director of Public Instruction. So, I have not seen either of the schools.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** May I know what is the distance between the English Middle School and the English High School at Perumbavoor ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** I am not quite sure, I think it is one and half miles.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the member be pleased to inspect the school at an early date ?

**Mr. R. M. Statham :** I will, as soon as the Council Session is finished.

(The President called Mr. J. John Kattakayam to put his question.)

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